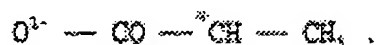
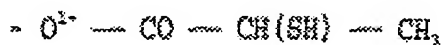


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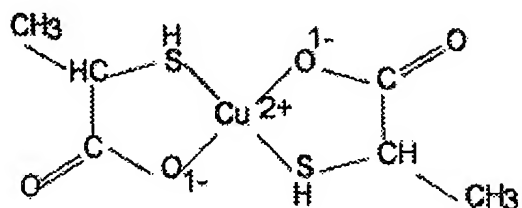
1. (Currently Amended) Fungicidal and bactericidal composition that contains an organic copper salt, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the ratio of the copper component to the organic radical component is between 1:1 and 1:2 and that the organic radical has a group that contains the following structure:



2. (Currently Amended) Composition in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the composition has the general formula $Cu^{2+} - 2R-$, in which the ratio of the copper component to the organic radical component is 1:2 and that the organic radical consists of the group



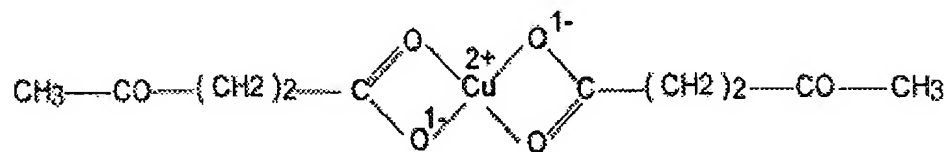
3. (Currently Amended) Composition in accordance with Claim 2, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the composition has the structure



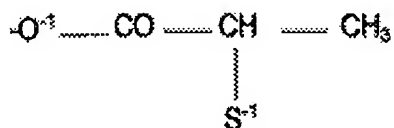
4. (Currently Amended) Composition in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the composition has the general formula $\text{Cu}^{2+}-2\text{R}-$, in which the ratio of the copper component to the organic radical component is 1:2 and that the organic radical consists of the group



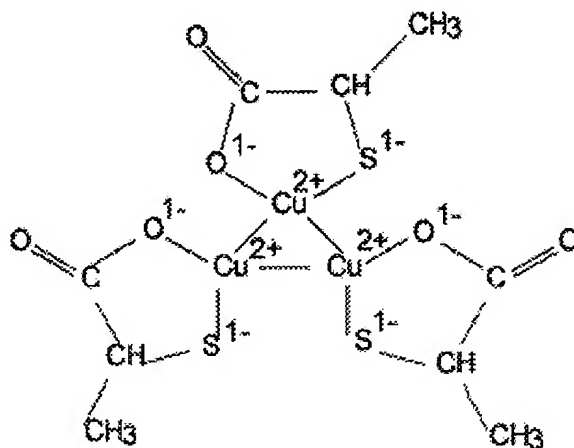
5. (Currently Amended) Composition in accordance with Claim 4, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the composition has the structure



6. (Currently Amended) Composition in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the composition has the general formula $\text{Cu}^{2+}-\text{R}_2-$, in which the ratio of the copper component to the organic radical component is 1:1 and that the organic radical contains the group



7. (Currently Amended) Composition in accordance with Claim 6,
~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the composition has the
structure



8. (Currently Amended) Method for producing the composition in
accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 7, characterized by the fact~~
~~that~~ Claim 1, wherein a reaction of inorganic copper salts with
a carboxylic acid takes place.

9. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 8,
~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the reaction takes place
with thiolactic acid and that the resulting copper salts exist
as chelate complexes.
10. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 8,
~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the reaction takes place
with levulinic acid and that the resulting copper salts exist as
chelate complexes.
11. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 8 to~~
~~10, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 8, wherein the copper
salts are present as copper(II) sulfate, copper(II) chloride,
basic cupric carbonate, copper oxychloride, or copper(II)
hydroxide.